

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1706

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to consider variations in the national average market price for different classes of wheat when determining the eligibility of wheat producers for counter-cyclical payments for the 2007 crop year.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wheat Counter-Cycli-
5 cal Payments Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FLEXIBLE EFFECTIVE PRICES FOR DIF-**
 2 **FERENT CLASSES OF WHEAT TO DETERMINE**
 3 **ELIGIBILITY OF WHEAT PRODUCERS FOR**
 4 **COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS.**

5 Section 1104 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
 6 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7914) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “and subject
 8 to subsection (g),” after “subsection (a),”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 section:

11 “(g) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE PRICES FOR CLASSES OF
 12 WHEAT.—

13 “(1) SEPARATE EFFECTIVE PRICES AUTHOR-
 14 IZED.—For purposes of the 2007 crop year of
 15 wheat, the Secretary shall calculate a separate effec-
 16 tive price for all classes of wheat in recognition of
 17 the wide variations in average market prices for dif-
 18 ferent classes of wheat.

19 “(2) CALCULATION.—In the case of wheat for
 20 purposes of subsection (a), when the Secretary cal-
 21 culates a separate effective price for a class of
 22 wheat, the effective price for that class of wheat
 23 shall be equal to the sum of—

24 “(A) the higher of—

25 “(i) the national average market price
 26 received by producers during the 12-month

1 marketing year for that class of wheat, as
2 determined by the Secretary; or

3 “(ii) the national average loan rate for
4 that class of wheat during that period, as
5 determined by the Secretary; and

6 “(B) the payment rate in effect for wheat
7 under section 1103 for the purpose of making
8 direct payments with respect to wheat.”.

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